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433 west 34 street  
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May 23, 1947

My very dear Mrs. Roosevelt

It was a great privilege for me to be with you at Hyde Park last Saturday. I find it difficult to put into words how grateful I am to you.

Among other things your offering to write Mr. Lovett was so spontaneous and seemed to spring from such understanding and sympathy that it warmed my heart. I took the liberty of telling the Palestinians who are here and they were very much encouraged by your reaction to their problem.

I do hope that the day is not too far away when I may have the honor of meeting you again and when we will not be obliged to discuss this tragic question or anything of weight at all. Thank you again. I know how busy you are and I deeply appreciate the time you gave me.

Sincerely,

Helen Waren

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May 31, 1947

Dear Mr. Lovett:

Miss Helen Waren was with one of the USO units in Germany a short while ago. She became so worried over the displaced people, particularly the Jewish people drifting back from Poland into Germany, that last year she went back and went to Palestine.

Miss Waren tells me there are some people from Palestine here now and she is most anxious that they have a chance to tell their story to some one fairly high up in the State Department. I wonder if you would be willing to see them and listen to them. I have no idea whether what they have to say would shed any light on the situation or not, but I have always felt that people should be heard.

Very cordially yours,

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MRS ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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CERTAINLY YOU ARE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THREE BRITISH SHIPS WITH SOME 4,500 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ON BOARD COMMA WHO HAD BEEN DEPORTED FROM PALESTINE OVER A MONTH AGO AFTER REACHING THERE ON A REFUGEE SHIP THE EXODUS 1947 ARE STILL LYING OFF PORT DE BOUC ON THE SOUTHERN COAST OF FRANCE PERIOD THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO RECEIVE THESE REFUGEES BUT WILL NOT FORCE THEM TO LAND PERIOD THE REFUGEES HOWEVER ARE DETERMINED NOT TO RETURN TO EUROPE WHICH HAS BECOME FOR THEM A LAND OF HORROR PERIOD, THAT THEY ARE NOT EXAGGERATING THEIR PLIGHT HAS BEEN CORROBORATED BY THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMISSION AND EVERY OTHER INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PERIOD FOR WEEKS NOW THEY HAVE BEEN CRAMPED MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE HOLDS OF THESE VESSELS SLEEPING ON BARE BOARDS EXPOSED TO THE HEAT OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SUN IN INTOLERABLE SANITARY CONDITIONS, MY BROTHER, VACATIONING IN FRANCE, WRITES ME FROM PORT DE BOUC WHERE HE MET AN AMERICAN CREW MEMBER OF THE EXODUS WHO DISEMBARKED WITH 35 SERIOUSLY ILL REFUGEES AND MANAGED TO SLIP AWAY FROM THE POLICE, THAT THE BRITISH HAVE BEEN FEEDING THEM A STARVATION DIET OF TEA AND HARD BISCUITS IN THE MORNING, RICE WITH POWDERED MILK IN THE AFTERNOON AND SOUP AT NIGHT. THE SURPLUS BRITISH RATION FOR NURSING MOTHERS HAS BEEN TWO TEASPOONFUL OF TINNED MILK IN COLD UNBOILED WATER, THIRTYFIVE BABIES HAVE BEEN BORN ABOARD, MANY PREMATURELY, ONE CHILD OF SEVENDAYS IN ONE OF THE HOLDS HAS NEVER SEEN THE LIGHT. THE REFUGEES ARE DETERMINED TO

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CARRY ON THEIR STRUGGLE UNTIL THEIR RIGHTS AS HUMAN BEINGS TO LIFE IN A LAND OF THEIR OWN IS RECOGNIZED AND THEY LOOK TO CIVILIZED HUMANITY TO COME TO THEIR RESCUE PERIOD LITTLE APPEARS IN THE PRESS ABOUT THIS FANTASTIC STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE SURVIVORS OF THE NAZI PRISON CAMPS PERIOD IT HAS CEASED TO BE NEWS PERIOD I DO BEG OF YOU TO RAISE YOUR COURAGEOUS VOICE IN THEIR BEHALF AND TO HELP PUT AN END TO THEIR CONTINUING AGONY BY DRAWING ATTENTION TO IT BY PUBLIC STATEMENT OR IN ANY OTHER WAY YOU THINK FIT WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS

HELEN WAREN

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*I think they could stay in France & would do better & lead a better life.*